



Internship Opportunity:

Suffolk County Department of Economic Development & Planning

Are you interested in how government shapes the communities we live in? Are you interested in local government and the role it plays in guiding public policy? Are you familiar with Suffolk County's agricultural history and the economic, environmental, social and political forces that challenge its development in Suffolk County?

The Suffolk County Department of Economic Development & Planning is looking for a summer intern who will help us draft a new Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan. The Department of Economic Development & Planning is a fast paced work environment staffed with talented employees who are looking to teach and work alongside the next generation of ambitious public –spirited employees.

The ideal candidate should possess the following attributes:

- Background in Political Science, Economics, Statistics, Urban Planning, Agricultural Sciences, Environmental Sciences, or other related discipline.
- Strong research skills and willingness to explore creative solutions to data collection challenges
- Strong written communication skills
- Organized and detail-oriented
- Proficient in Microsoft Suite Office, particularly Microsoft Excel.
- Familiarity with agriculture and agricultural practices
- Familiarity with basic statistical principles
- Energetic with willingness to learn and take direction
- Public policy oriented with abiding interest in serving the public good
- This position is based in Hauppauge, NY, but requires local travel. Candidate must have a valid driver's license.

What you will learn:

- The basics of navigating government and the practical application of your classroom skills
- Relationship building across multiple branches of government, government agencies, non-profit organizations, and for-profit operators
- Develop expertise in the field of Suffolk County agriculture and the economic and political pressures that threaten its survival
- Qualitative/Quantitative survey design, data collection, and analysis

If you are interested in the following position, please email a cover letter with your date of availability to

August Ruckdeschel – Farmlands Administrator

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*Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Unfortunately, due to the volume of responses, only viable candidates will receive responses. A small stipend may become available for this position.